AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): A member adapted to be used in a friction stir welding, comprising:

a member which is an extruded frame member and has ~~having~~ a recessed portion along an end portion of said member,

said recessed portion opening directed toward an outer side in a thickness direction of said extruded frame member and toward one end direction of said extruded frame member, and having a side face and a bottom face,

a raised portion projecting to the ~~an~~ outer side in the thickness direction, from the ~~an~~ outer side of said extruded frame member, and

said raised portion is a portion adapted to have the ~~a~~ friction stir welding carried out therein by inserting a rotary tool therein,

said extruded frame member being adapted to have another extruded frame member mounted on said bottom face of said recessed portion of said extruded frame member and to have said another extruded frame member abutted thereto,

with a gap formed between said side face of said extruded frame member and an end portion of said another extruded frame member, and

wherein said friction stir welding is carried out by inserting said rotary tool in the another extruded frame member in addition to into said raised portion.

2. (Currently amended): A hollow frame member adapted to be used in friction stir welding, comprising:

a first hollow frame member having a first plate, a second plate which is substantially in parallel to said first plate, and a third plate connecting said first plate and said second plate,

said first plate of said first hollow frame member having a recessed portion in a side of an outer side of said first plate at ~~along to~~ an end portion of said first plate,

said recessed portion of said first hollow frame member opening directed toward an outer side in a thickness direction of said hollow frame member and toward one end direction of said first hollow frame member, and having a side face and a bottom face,

a raised portion of said first hollow frame member in ~~a side of another end~~ the outer side of said first plate, connected to said recessed portion and projecting to the ~~an~~ outer side in the thickness direction from the ~~an~~ outer side of said first plate, and

said raised portion of said first hollow frame member is a portion adapted to have the ~~a~~ friction stir welding carried out therein by inserting a rotary tool therein,

said first hollow frame member being adapted to have a second hollow frame member mounted on said bottom face of said recessed portion of said first hollow frame member and to have said second hollow frame member abutted thereto,

with a gap formed between said side face of said first hollow frame member and an end portion of said second hollow frame member, and

wherein said friction stir welding is carried out by inserting said rotary tool in the second hollow frame member in addition to into said raised portion.

3. (Original): A hollow frame member according to claim 2, wherein said recessed portion is provided at a connection portion of said third plate and said one end portion of said first plate.

4. (Currently amended): A hollow frame member according to claim 3, wherein:

said third plate of said first hollow frame member is substantially orthogonal to said first plate and has a thickness, and

a face from an apex of said raised portion to the ~~a~~ bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned within ~~in a range of~~ an extension of the ~~line in a~~ thickness of said third plate.

5. (Currently amended): A hollow frame member according to claim 4, wherein said face from said apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension ~~line~~ of a center of the ~~in a~~ thickness of said third plate.

6. (Currently amended): A hollow frame member according to claim 3 [[4]], wherein a ~~said~~ face from an ~~said~~ apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension of ~~another end side of said first plate from~~ a center ~~in a~~ of the thickness of said third plate.

7-11. (Cancelled).

12. (New): The hollow frame member according to claim 2, wherein said first hollow frame member is a first hollow extruded frame member.

13. (New): The hollow frame member according to claim 12, wherein said second hollow frame member is a second hollow extruded frame member.

14. (New): An extruded frame member structural body adapted to be used in a friction stir welding, comprising said member according to claim 1, which is said extruded frame member, and said another extruded frame member, said another extruded frame member being mounted on said bottom face of said recessed portion of said extruded frame member and abutted thereto, with a gap formed between said side face of said extruded frame member and said end portion of said another extruded frame member.

15. (New): A hollow frame member structural body adapted to be used in a friction stir welding, comprising said hollow frame member, comprising said first hollow frame member, according to claim 2 and said second hollow frame member, said second hollow frame member being mounted on said bottom face of said recessed portion of said first hollow frame member and abutted thereto, with a gap formed between said side face of said first hollow frame member and said end portion of said second hollow frame member.

16. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 15, wherein each of the first hollow frame member and the second hollow frame member is an extruded hollow frame member.

17. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 16, wherein said recessed portion is provided at a connection portion of said third plate and said one end portion of said first plate.

18. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 17, wherein:

said third plate of said first hollow frame member is substantially orthogonal to said first plate and has a thickness, and

a face from an apex of said raised portion to the bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned within an extension of the thickness of said third plate.

19. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 18, wherein said face from said apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension of a center of the thickness of said third plate.

20. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 17, wherein a face from an apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension of a center of the thickness of said third plate.

21. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 15, wherein said recessed portion is provided at a connection portion of said third plate and said one end portion of said first plate.

22. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 21, wherein:

said third plate of said first hollow frame member is substantially orthogonal to said first plate and has a thickness, and

a face from an apex of said raised portion to the bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned within an extension of the thickness of said third plate.

23. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 22, wherein said face from said apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension of a center of the thickness of said third plate.

24. (New): The hollow frame member structural body according to claim 21, wherein a face from an apex of said raised portion to said bottom face of said recessed portion is positioned at an extension of a center of the thickness of said third plate.